

City Clerk's Office
December 14, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on December 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Kaiya Maas, Assistant City Clerk, and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also present were Sarah Schwerdfeger, Marcus Ashlock and David Stimatze, Sheila Stimatze and Nyla Simon. Absent was Councilmember Gould.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

David and Sheila Stimatze were presented with the Citizen of the Month Award. David & Sheila Stimatze stopped to render aid to Griselda and Martin Sigala after hitting a deer. David and Sheila helped flag traffic. They then took Sigalas' children to Syracuse, fed them, and kept the children until Sigalas were able to get back to Syracuse.

Councilmember Doze made motion to amend the agenda by adding the adoption of Ordinance No. 688 before reports. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion was approved unanimously.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2015. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 10, 2015. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. No. 917. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

Nyla Simon presented the governing body with a letter of opposition to a RV park in the 400 block of South Barber Street. Simon presented the governing body with several sheets of information. The condition of the street and street congestion were mentioned.

The Syracuse-Hamilton County Planning Commission recommended changing the zoning of 210 S. Main (all of lots 6-9, e1/2 of lots 10-12 of Block 65) from single family residential to limited commercial. Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the recommendation. Councilmember Doze seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve Cereal Malt Beverage for: Love's, U-Pump-It, Eagle, Hilltop Lanes, The Ole Cook Shack, KC's Restaurant, and Ramble-N-Restaurant. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and approved with all councilmembers voting aye.

Occupation Liquor Tax License for the Liquor Shack was approved on motion from Councilmember Boy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. All councilmembers voted aye.

The Syracuse Wrestling Club had requested that the City provide utilities at no cost to building being used for practice. Councilmember Doze made motion to not provide utilities at no cost for the Syracuse Wrestling Club. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Doze made motion to have City Administrator, Brian Bloyd, remove an overgrown evergreen tree from the flag park. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed unanimously.

Councilmember Boy made motion to accept the resignation of Kerstin Mitchell as City Zoning Administrator. Councilmember Doze seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye. Zoning duties will be handled by the City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk with the help of the City Administrator until such time as a new administrator is appointed.

Ordinance No. 688 was presented to the City Council:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS AND REQUIRING ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF CERTAIN LICENSE AND OTHER FEES; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF DOGS IN THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, KANSAS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 681. The ordinance was read section by section and as a whole. Councilmember Boy made motion to adopt Ordinance No. 688; replacing Ord. No. 681, motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion was passed ominously.

Reports:

Economic Development: Sarah Schwerdfeger is on maternity leave.

Sand Park: The new building will be delivered the end of February or the first part of March. More trout are expected to be delivered this week.

City Administrator: We are doing street maintenance, alley work and general equipment maintenance. The crowd watching the Christmas parade was terrific and we are working on a plan to improve increase the number of floats.

City Clerk: The office will be busy for the next 6 weeks with the end of the year and the beginning of 2016 and filing financial reports.

Roundtable: No comments

Councilmember Doze made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously and the same was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

Blake Upson, Mayor

